

Government Support Schemes

	Individuals / Employees	Self-Employed Individuals*	Businesses / Employers*
Coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline – click here	<p>Webchat - Speak to an adviser - for problems paying taxes due to coronavirus (COVID-19), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> self-assessment. <p>New phone number - 0800 024 1222</p>	<p>Webchat - Speak to an adviser - for problems paying taxes due to coronavirus (COVID-19), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> self-assessment; VAT; employers' PAYE. <p>New phone number - 0800 024 1222</p>	<p>Webchat - Speak to an adviser - for problems paying taxes due to coronavirus (COVID-19), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> self-assessment; VAT; employers' PAYE; corporation tax. <p>New phone number - 0800 024 1222</p>

Coronavirus business support finder tool

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Employment income & Self-employed income

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Eligibility date extended to 19 March 2020 and scheme extended to 30 June 2020.

To qualify, the 2018/19 profit or average profit for up to three years ending with 2018/19 must not exceed £50,000, and the self-employed individual/partner must:

- have traded in 2019/20;
- be trading when they apply, or would be except for coronavirus;
- intend to continue to trade in 2020/21; and
- have lost trading profits due to coronavirus.

Grant to run for three months and payment (representing a cumulative three months’ rights) is expected in June. Claimants can continue to work and generate profit. HMRC to invite claims based on records they have.

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Sick Pay

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– [click here](#)
and [here](#)

Currently £94.25 a week, rising to £95.85 for 2020/21, would be available to employees from day one instead of day four, including for those advised to self-isolate. However, there was no change in the minimum earnings threshold for SSP (£118 a week currently, rising to £120 a week in 2020/21).

See Benefits below.

Businesses with fewer than 250 employees can be refunded for the cost of SSP for up to 14 days.

The size of an employer will be determined by the number of people they employed as of 28 February 2020.

Benefits

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– [click here](#)

From 6 April 2020, for 12 months, the standard allowance in Universal Credit (UC) and the basic element in Working Tax Credit (WTC) will be increased by £20 a week over and above the planned annual uprating. This will apply to all new and existing UC claimants and to existing WTC claimants.

For those not entitled to SSP (e.g. the self-employed and gig economy workers), Contributory Employment and Support Allowance (ESA – a basic £73.10 a week for those 25 and over, rising to £74.35 in 2020/21) will be claimable from day one instead of day eight. To ensure that time off work due to sickness is reflected in benefits, the minimum income floor** in Universal Credit (UC) is temporarily removed if an individual gets coronavirus or has to stay at home because of it. The minimum income floor won't apply to anyone after 6 April 2020. This will last until the coronavirus outbreak is over. The stated aim is to ensure every self-employed person can now access, in full, UC at a rate equivalent to SSP for employees.

Grants

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£10,000 grant for all small businesses that qualify for Small Business Rates Relief (SBRR) or Rural Rates Relief. For SBRR, the rateable value of the property used by the business needs to be valued at £15,000 or less.

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Business Loans

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– original release click [here](#) and update click [here](#)

British Business Bank pages on CBILS – click [here](#) and [here](#)

Gov pages on:

CBILS – click [here](#)

CBILS – click [here](#)

Covid-19 Corporate Financing Facility – click [here](#)

Future Fund – click [here](#)

Innovate UK's grant and loan scheme – click [here](#)

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Under the new Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS), businesses with turnover between £45m and £250m, that are unable to secure regular commercial financing, can apply for loans of up to £25m, and up to £50m for businesses with turnover of more than £250m, 80% of which will be guaranteed by the Government. Commercial rates of interest will be charged.

From 23/03/2020, the Bank of England's Covid Corporate Financing Facility will provide a quick and cost-effective way to raise working capital for those large firms who need it, by buying short term debt from larger companies.

Business Loans (Continued)

From May 2020, a new Future Fund will provide convertible loans, in partnership with the British Business Bank, to UK-based innovative companies, of between £125,000 to £5m, subject to at least equal matched funding from private investors.

£200m of accelerated, and £550m of new, targeted support for the most R&D intensive small and medium size firms will be available by mid May through the Innovate UK's grants and loan scheme.

The Bounce Back Loan scheme helps small and medium-sized businesses to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000.

The government guarantees 100% of the loan and there won't be any fees or interest to pay for the first 12 months.

Loan terms will be up to 6 years. No repayments will be due during the first 12 months. The government will work with lenders to agree a low rate of interest for the remaining period of the loan.

The scheme will be delivered through a network of accredited lenders.

– [click here](#)

Mortgages

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For those in difficulty due to coronavirus, mortgage lenders will offer at least a three-month mortgage holiday.

Renters

Renters –
click [here](#)
and [here](#)

Emergency legislation to suspend new evictions from social or private rented accommodation while this national emergency is taking place.

No new possession proceedings through applications to the Court to start during the crisis.

Landlords will also be protected as the three-month mortgage payment holiday is extended to Buy to Let mortgages.

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VAT

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Time to Pay scheme

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*Note that, because some elements of business support are devolved, the measures a business can access may differ if it is in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland:

- [View the latest guidance on coronavirus for businesses in Scotland.](#)
- [View the latest guidance on coronavirus for businesses in Wales.](#)
- [View the latest guidance on coronavirus for businesses in Northern Ireland.](#)

**The minimum income floor is usually what someone of the same age would earn if they worked at the [National Minimum Wage](#) for the number of hours that the self-employed individual is expected to work or look for work. Normally, if the self-employed individual earns less than the minimum income floor, UC will not make up the difference. .

For more information on all of the above please also see [here](#).